

Mammoth Hot Springs
Yellowstone Park
16 Aug

making a rest day - may be the
a little out of order in this
biggest arrangements & will
have to make them up to you
without delay - I shall
send you more of our
strip who we met at Montreal
in June - invited to the house
of Mr. Hastings' 3rd Union Avenue.
I suppose that you & Mr. Gray will
also be lodged with some of your
friends -
in Park "Europeans"

Mr. Ball

I do sp. think a botanical collection
like ours has use of the hair work
that falls to your husband's best care.
I often work till 10 past 11 sometimes till
one & am up again at 5 -

My dear Gray I have had my hair
so full especially in drying my plants
that I have hardly hair left for short
& hurried letters to my wife. This will
I hope catch you before you leave
home but if not I shall repeat it
Viva voce. The latter part is a lie
as has been on the whole very
enjoyable in spite of some slight
misadventures & one great
disappointment - I had given my
heart on having a day's botanizing
in the afternoon of the Natick or
Cascade peaks - & for this reason left
Ore. City on the 1st for San
Francisco - on which trip I was left
behind botanizing on the hill above
Astoria - but rejoined brother next
day at Portland. I was told upon

that I could be able to reach 10000 or 11000
ft on Mt Rainier alias Tacoma with
little difficulty by the road, which is
nearly flat back on the map to go over
the 11,000 foot of the big mountain - After a
very pleasant run to Puget Sound &
Victoria Vancouver where I spent 4 or 5 hours.
I went without Frothie who has been
having twinges of gout) by the steamer
railway west (that there was no
trail from the farther station yelpt >
Abdonato & stopped at another called
Wilkeson learned that one must go
through 20 m. of forest before one could
cross the m. The only man
having two ponies away next day
midday 1100 - in short the
thing impracticable without much
more time than I could give -
Tell any friend with designs on that
mountain that he must allow
7 or 8 days from Portland - must
engage everything needed for camping

out the road. Take up & see -
but I do not from the latter place
will have to pay handsomely for the
trip. But I had time to follow the
trail some way into the forest & it
was well worth the expedition
The Douglas pine in that region quite
beats every other conifer excepting
the Sequoias and has over them
the advantage of generally running
up straight & tapering to the top.
The yellow & sugar pines of the California
woods has delighted me but are quite
surpassed by the Douglas. Why is it
that in Africa the latter can grow
to half the size & in the Rocky Mountains
is quite a few feet). The whole
journey from Portland here is very
interesting requiring a great contrast
to the line from Salt Lake City though
there are miles of desert &
& snow fields.